

**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
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the specification of which

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Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of the United States application(s), or 365(c) of the PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America, listed below. Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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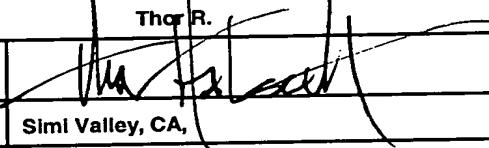
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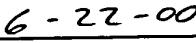
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